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Examiner: SPIEGLER, Alexander H.

For: REAGENTS AND METHODS FOR DETECTING GENES RELATED TO MAJOR
HISTOCOMPATIBILITY COMPLEX OF DOMESTIC FOWL, SUCH AS CHICKEN

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September 1, 2004

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

REQUEST

The Examiner is requested to return an initialed copy of the PTO-1449 Form filed January 14, 2002, pursuant to MPEP Section 609. The present paper is not being filed in response to the Office Action of August 25, 2004. A Response to the Office Action is being considered.

The Examiner is requested to acknowledge receipt and acceptance of the drawings filed January 14, 2002, or provide specific rejection or objection of the same.

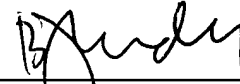
The Examiner is also requested to acknowledge the applicants' claim for domestic and foreign priorities.

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